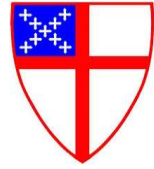


Good Shepherd Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia



The Fourth Sunday of Easter:
Earth Day Sunday
April 21, 2024

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church

We are so glad you are here or joining us online!



CALENDAR

- SUN Apr 21 The Fourth Sunday of Easter**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist** with The Rev. Martha Clark
12:45 p.m. **Book reading** by Josette Keelor of her novel-in-progress
(see Notices)
4:00 p.m. **Hymn Sing** at Bluemont United Methodist Church
(see Notices)
- TUES Apr 23 Last day to bring FISH donations to church**
- WED Apr 24 To-go Meals distribution at FISH**
- SUN Apr 28 The Fifth Sunday of Easter**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Reader: Cindy Ingram | LEM/Prayers: Josette Keelor
Musicians: Tim Hall & Rose Holden | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- SUN May 5 The Sixth Sunday of Easter**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Deborah Rutter
Lay Reader: Eileen Cawood | LEM/Prayers: Tim Hall
Keyboardist: Eileen Cawood | Zoomer: Judy Hall
- SUN May 12 The Seventh Sunday of Easter**
11:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**, with The Rev. Rob Banse
Lay Reader and Keyboardist: Janet Locklear
LEM/Prayers: Judy Hall | Zoomer: Tim Hall
12:45 p.m. **Speakers Series** — Charlene Fu on China and food
(see Notices)
- SAT May 18 Walking in the Spirit of Spring**
10:30 a.m. **Meditation Walk** with the Rev. Martha Clark
to Noon The Pavilion at Cool Springs

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at Good Shepherd every Saturday at 8:30 p.m., in person or by Zoom. Drop in, or visit <https://aavirginia.org/meetings> and search for Bluemont.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: The Rev. Martha Clark

Lay Readers: Penelope Yungblut & Ray Ewing

LEM/Prayers: Cindy Ingram | Zoomer: Penni Tidwell

Musicians: Janet Locklear & Rose Holden

THIS SPECIAL EARTH DAY SERVICE BEGINS OUTDOORS IN THE MEDITATION GARDEN

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn “Morning has broken”

see insert

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant prays

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Earth Day

The Celebrant prays

Everloving God, you bring forth and sustain every living thing; help us grow in compassion and care for this earth and the multitude of your creatures, that we may see them not as objects for our use, but as brothers and sisters that sing your never-ending praise. Through Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and guide, who with you and the Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Litany for the Earth *see insert*

by Cindy Ingram

Procession into the church, singing our Hymn of Praise as we go.

Praise Hymn “All things bright and beautiful”

see insert

Back inside the church, all standing

Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Said responsively by half verse

Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who
trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual **Hymn 376** "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

*Cindy Ingram, Rose Holder, Janet Locklear
& The Rev. Martha Clark*

The Nicene Creed

The People stand

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
 and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
 glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer **Hymn 645** "The King of love my shepherd is"

vv 1-4

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

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The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For Brian Allie (Christine's cousin); Ann Bush and her family (Ray's sister); Craig Eney and Mayo Brown (Andrea's brother-in-law and father); Priscilla Clark (Martha's mother); Hyden McClain (Nancy Kelley's great grandson); George & Diane Kern and their son-in-law Chris Riopelle (Retreat neighbors); Alan Moeck (Christine's friend);

Allison Knapp, Jamie Legg, Joanne Conner, and Kat Turner (Josette's friends); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (Pine Grove neighbor); Rose & Tyler Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friends); Elaine Eppley & family (Eileen's sister); Dane Toler (Lee's spouse); Bert Bonavita (Penni's cousin); Judson Hardy (Janet's father); Martha Hayes; Sheila Tapscott; Penelope Yungblut; Lee Ruddle; Tim Ingram; George & Debbie Rutter; the Adamson family in Russia; Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother); Adele & Richard Sauer (Cindy's parents); Judith Refo (Judy Hall's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); and Sam Myers, John West, Geraldine Kolowski, & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family). For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For the homeless nearby and across our nation. For the victims of mass shootings and gun violence that continue unabated. For the safety and freedom from theft for Pine Grove and Shenandoah Retreat residents and Appalachian Trail hikers. For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For those suffering from climate change and natural disasters. For migrants and refugees and all who are exploited. For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all people suffering from conflicts throughout the world. May they find a way to peace. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

In the *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer* we pray for Christ, Alexandria; Good Shepherd, Burke; St. John's, McLean; and Varina, Richmond. In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer* we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; for Debbie, Martha, and Rob, our Supply Clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, remembering especially Mary Decker (Josette Keelor's friend) and Thomas Scott (Martha Clark's cousin), that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory Anthem "This is My Father's World" *Franklin Sheppard*
~ *Josette Keelor, Janet Locklear & Rose Holden*

The People stand for the Doxology

Hymn 380 v.3 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow” *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Hymnal S-130

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

*heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Hymnal S-154

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia***

The Celebrant says the following

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

An Invitation to a Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that can be prayed at any time to express a desire to receive Holy Communion when circumstances prevent a person from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The Act of Reception

The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all virtual participants.

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And, since I cannot at this time receive communion,

I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Communion Hymn **LEVAS 152** “Let Us Break Bread Together”

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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God of abundance,

**you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing **Hymn 416** “For the beauty of the earth”

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



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NOTICES

HYMN SING

Nearby Bluemont United Methodist Church (33843 Snickersville Turnpike) is holding a Hymn Sing this afternoon at 4 p.m., featuring local talent including United Voices Choir, John Friant & Jimmy Buckner Dominion 4 Barbershop Quartet, Karen Aronhalt & Larry Starnes, and The Kingdom Stringers. Light refreshments will be served after the program.

PRAYER LIST

In this post-Resurrection Sunday season of renewal, we are asking everyone to review their submissions to our Friends and Family Prayer List. Starting this month, we are implementing a quarterly review of the prayer list in an attempt to keep it meaningful and manageable. Please email prayerlist@goodshepherdblueмонт.org to add or remove someone from the prayer list. When submitting a name, please include your relationship to the person, the number of weeks that prayer is requested (or write: “until removed”), and any other relevant information.

Asking for prayer is an act of faith and should be made for those with whom you have a personal relationship. That means keeping in touch with them and actively spiritually mentoring them and/or following up on their condition and care. The goal is to have a congregational prayer list that is a meaningful tool to enhance our personal prayers.

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations to our Good Friday Offering, which provides critical support to the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Among many things, it gives aid to the Ahli Arab Episcopal Hospital in Gaza City, which we helped last fall when the Gaza war began. We raised \$1,000 and, with your Vestry-authorized \$500 in matching funds, **we will be sending \$1,500 to support this worthy cause!**

OUR COMMUNITY



We continue to support FISH of Clarke County (36 E. Main St., Berryville) with donations of food and supplies. **Our March donation** of eggs, meat, and canned, dried and boxed foods totalled **82 pounds**. On March 27, Lois Tapscott and Rose Holden distributed 36 “to-go” meals. **Donations for April are due by Tuesday** and boxed meals will be given out this Wednesday.

COMING UP

Sunday, April 28 — Our last couple of fifth Sundays of the month, when we normally have healing services, were preempted by other special seasonal worship (Christmas Lessons & Carols, and Easter). So next week, we’ll be having **Holy Eucharist & Healing** with Rev. Deb Rutter and guitar music with Tim Hall and Rose Holden.

Penelope Yungblut has organized a new program in the coming months called “**Coming to Know One Another in our Creativity, Interests, and Life Work**”. The first in this speakers series is today’s reading by **aspiring author Josette Keelor** of a selection from her novel-in-progress *Lottie Withers and the Haunted Trail*, a middle-grade mystery novel with a 10-year-old heroine.

The next speakers and their topics are:

- **Sunday May 12** — **Charlene Fu** on her experiences as a foreign correspondent in China and on food in Chinese culture and in her family.
- **Sunday, June 16** — our keyboardist **Eileen Cawood** on music in her life.
- **July** — **Janet Locklear** on “My Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella: Adventures and Learnings.”
- **August** — **Ray Ewing** on “What is it like to be the U.S. Ambassador to Another Country: Priorities and Contributions.”

More speakers may be forthcoming. These talks will take place at 12:45 p.m. in the parish hall after the Sunday service.

PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for our neighbors and for ways that our church can serve the community.

Friends and Family: Brian Allie (Christine's cousin); Ann Bush and her family (Ray's sister); Craig Eney and Mayo Brown (Andrea's brother-in-law and father); Priscilla Clark (Martha's mother); Hyden McClain (Nancy Kelley's great grandson); George & Diane Kern and their son-in-law Chris Riopelle (Retreat neighbors); Alan Moeck (Christine's friend); Allison Knapp, Jamie Legg, Joanne Conner, and Kat Turner (Josette's friends); Cat Cox (Retreat neighbor); Bobby Duke (Pine Grove neighbor); Rose & Tyler Eiseman (Judi Floyd's friends); Elaine Eppley & family (Eileen's sister); Dane Toler (Lee's spouse); Bert Bonavita (Penni's cousin); Judson Hardy (Janet's father); Martha Hayes; Sheila Tapscott; Penelope Yungblut; Lee Ruddle; Tim Ingram; George & Debbie Rutter; the Adamson family in Russia; Dusty Bailey and Ted Weaver (Charlene's friends); David Aikman (Charlene's husband); Michael Mohn (previous clergy); Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother); Adele & Richard Sauer (Cindy's parents); Judith Refo (Judy Hall's mother); Roberta Adams (Tim Ingram's friend); and Sam Myers, John West, Geraldine Kolowski, & Kenny Lucas (Darlene's friends & family).

In thanksgiving for the lives of Thomas Scott (Martha Clark's cousin), died March 24, 2024; and Mary Decker (Josette Keelor's friend), Feb. 19, 1963 - April 10, 2024.

To add someone to or remove someone from the prayer list, send an email to prayerlist@goodshepherdbluemont.org

The Church: For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Mark and Gayle, our Bishops; and for Debbie, Martha and Rob, our Supply Clergy.